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# PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

## Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1992

## Report of the Secretary-General

## Addendum

1. The Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1992 in its decision 1992/272 of 30 July 1992, endorsed the recommendations contained in resolution 36/8 of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-sixth session on preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace. In paragraph 5 of section A of that resolution, the Commission recommended that the Secretary-General appoint a woman as Secretary-General of the Conference, not later than 1992, who should have international stature in relation to the advancement of women and experience of the United Nations system, and who would assume primary responsibility for the preparation of the Conference. 1/

2. In the statement of programme budget implications considered by the Economic and Social Council before the adoption of its decision 1992/272, the Secretary-General stated that when a decision is taken on the appointment of a Secretary-General of the Conference, a statement on the financial implications of such an appointment, as well as other additional requirements that may be necessary in connection therewith, would be submitted. 2/

3. The Secretary-General has now decided to appoint the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women, effective 1 January 1993 through 31 December 1995, to assume primary responsibility for the overall preparation

and coordination of the Conference. It is proposed that this appointment be made at the Assistant Secretary-General level. The related costs for the year 1993 would amount to $166,500. A statement of programme budget implications resulting from the above decision has been submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its resumed substantive session of 1992. 3/

4. It is recalled that in his note on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the Secretary-General stated that the General Assembly may wish "to postpone a decision on the question of high-level posts contained in the initial revised estimates, on the understanding that the Secretary-General will present the final number and distribution of high-level posts financed from the regular budget for the remaining part of the biennium in his revised estimates early next year". 4/ Should the General Assembly concur with this proposal, a post at the Assistant Secretary-General level would be available to accommodate the Secretary-General of the Conference. On that assumption, and on the understanding that the necessary redeployment of post would be reflected in the revised estimates to be submitted to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-seventh session early next year, no request for a post at that level is made at this stage. In the absence of such concurrence, an additional post at the Assistant Secretary-General level would be necessary and a proposal to that effect would be submitted to the General Assembly in time for its consideration in the context of the consolidated statement of the Secretary-General on all programme budget implications statements and revised estimates arising from decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly at its current session, which will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of the session later this month.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General of the Conference would need a secretary at the General Service level for the same period, 1 January 1993 through 31 December 1995. Furthermore, the Secretary-General of the Conference would need to travel for consultations with a number of Governments and to attend meetings in connection with preparations for the Conference. On that basis, it is estimated that a provision for additional expenditures in the amount of $51,300 for general temporary assistance and $20,000 for travel would be required for 1993.

6. The above additional requirements amounting to $71,300 would constitute additional expenditures that have not been provided for in the programme budget for 1992-1993 and would therefore be subject to the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986.

7. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from

low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of its current session.

8. No activities are proposed for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, in order to finance the above-mentioned general temporary assistance and travel ($71,300) proposed for activities to be carried out under section 21, Social development and humanitarian affairs.

9. In summary, subject to the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund, an additional appropriation of $71,300 is required under section 21, Social development and humanitarian affairs, for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $14,800 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

10. As regards resource requirements for the biennium 1994-1995, they will be dealt with in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

## Notes

1/ E/1992/24.

2/ E/1992/24/Add.2, para. 33.

3/ E/1992/24/Add.3.

4/ A/47/753, para. 26 (b).

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